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College To Have Christmas Program

St. Nicholas to Visit U. T. J. C.

Mr. Claxton has just received a radiogram, via the North Pole, from St. Nicholas, stating that he will be here for the Christmas celebration that is to be held in the U. T. J. C. auditorium Friday night before the holidays. Fears had been expressed that, because of other duties, the jovial gentleman could not be present. The radiogram settles the matter for once and for all.

Besides this feature a snappy program is being arranged. There will be a short Christmas talk by several people, a few Christmas readings and a Christmas tree will be on display. One of the features will be the singing of Christmas Carols.

Mr. Claxton, Miss Cline, Mr. Galt, and Mr. Kulp are on the committee to plan this Christmas party. The student body and their friends are invited. Further announcements will be made in a paper by Mr. Claxton.

Former Students to Wed

Reba Reed Will Be Mrs. Clay McConell

Reba Reed, who graduated from the University of Tennessee Junior College in 1928, will be married to Clay McConell, who graduated from the University of Tennessee Junior College in 1929, on Wednesday, December 16, at 10:00 a. m. in the Home Economics building. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reed, of Nashville, Tennessee. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McConell, of Nashville, Tennessee.

The ceremony will be performed by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. The bride will be escorted by Mr. J. H. Smith, and the groom by Mr. W. H. McConell.

Three A Club News

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Annual Staff Completed Coach Grantham

In the Hospital

Volunteer Junior Work in Full Swing

Frances Lewis, editor, and Bill Wilson, business manager, have, in conjunction with the publication council, made the appointments for the complete staff for the Volunteer Junior.

Hoke Pentecost will be the assistant freshman editor, while Inez Fisher, Son Thomas and Mary Nell Poyner will serve as assistants in the business end of the work. Lucille Owens and Bill Headden are sports editors, and Mary Moss will contribute the fiction.

Activities have been taken of the faculty and student body. A popularity contest has been conducted and various other bits of work are in full swing.

Chapel Programs

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Coach Grantham is in a Memphis hospital recuperating from a recent illness. It is not known just when he will be able to return to his duties as Director of Physical Education for Men, but it is hoped that it will be soon. The basketball team, although practicing daily, is missing Mr. Grantham very much.

Meanwhile the Physical Education department is in charge of Miss Evelyn Mabry, director for Women, and Frank Taylor, assistant coach.

Home Economics Extension Course

Martin and Other Towns Are Given Advantage of Special Courses

For the third successive winter the University of Tennessee Junior College in cooperation with the Smith-Hughes Federal Fund is offering to adults, free of charge, an opportunity for study in Home Economics. Formerly classes have been conducted in Martin and nearby towns. This year the territory has been enlarged; but two classes will be offered to the people in Martin. These classes are unique general extension courses in that no college credit is given, no outside preparation required and no examination given at the completion of the course.

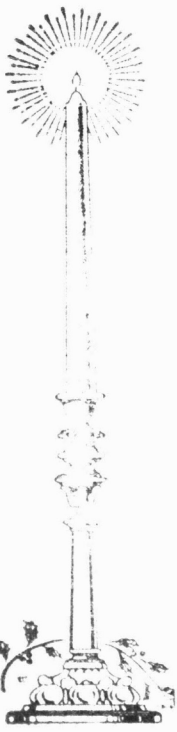
Regular class meetings will not begin until after the Christmas holidays. The time, place of meeting and general content of the course will be arranged to suit those taking the course.

Those interested in a class in Child Development, please meet with Miss M. H. H. on Wednesday, December 16, at 10:00 a. m. at the Home Economics building, and those interested in a class in Art in Relation To the Home and Life, meet Miss Carl Wednesday, December 16, at 10:00 a. m. in the Home Economics building.

From Other Colleges

Football season has drawn to a close. Many who are interested in the game have been seen tossing away their wickets for the past season. A winning team is the one that has won the game. The team that has won the game is the one that has won the game.

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WHAT DO GRADES MEAN?

Revelation or Discussions

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Questions	Asks many good questions	Asks some good questions	Asks questions but few are good.	Rarely asks good questions.
Tests	Makes a very high grade.	Makes a high grade but lower than "A".	Makes an average grade.	Low grade.
Attitude in class	Alert and active	Responsive.	Takes part if called on.	Often does not know what it is all about.
Effort	Always best effort.	Effort satisfactory.	Effort fair.	Slight effort.
Reports	Voluntary	Makes good reports when requested.	Makes fair reports on request.	No reports.
Preparation	Always prepared.	Always prepared.	Usually prepared.	Poorly prepared.
Method of studying	Systematic.	Systematic.	Does not plan his study but manages to at least read over lesson	Makes no plan to study and does not manage to read over lesson.
Reference work on lesson	Looks up something each day.	Does reference work if told to do so.	Does reference work only when specially assigned.	Studies only his own text.
Promptness.	Always prompt	Usually prompt.	Sometimes prompt.	Never prompt.
Problems.	Solves extra, solves them all by himself.	Solves all by himself, but needs assistance on difficult ones.	Solves most — the simpler ones.	Solves few or none.
Reading	Reads subject for pleasure.	Reads only in line of interest.	Reads only when made to.	Never reads on subject for pleasure.
Interest.	Is interested in his subject outside classroom.	Has some interest in his subject outside classroom.	Sees his subject in his outside life only if pointed out.	Rarely has an interest in the subject outside class.

Not a single unnecessary movement or word in his greeting. Regaining my composure I managed to say: "What the public would like most to know, Mr. Thomas, is something about your spectacular success. In other words, they would like to know to what you attribute your remarkable rise to fame and position as efficiency expert."

"If it may prove an incentive to ambitious youth of our land today, I shall tell you gladly, Miss Doolittle." Here was my cue and, of course, I assured him that any words from his, already the idol of thousands of college youth, would be eagerly devoured and would light the way for struggling young men like a beacon light.

"Time," began this great glutton for efficiency, "is the most important factor in our modern life. In my day we used to travel in slow moving automobiles that at best could travel only 60 or 75 miles an hour. I recall a man by the name of Ford who invented one of these vehicles which was advertised widely as capable of making 75 miles an hour. Today ourairo-speedsters make 500 miles an hour as easily." True to his reputation for modesty he refrained from saying, "myairo-speedster," which he could have said, for had he not given it to the world? And had not speed been a Thomas obsession? Was he not called "Speedy" Thomas in his football days? Had not his quick wit earned for him another title of "Sun" Thomas—or was it "Son"? Had he not shown his mania for speed in his courtship as also in the selection of his wife, who was known in her set as the speediest think in skirts?

"Time is valuable as I was saying," continued Mr. Thomas. "Take the matter of sleep. Here much time can be saved. I never sleep in bed. What could be more wasteful of time than to spend 8 hours flat on one's back in

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The Tuba's Oompah

"I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby."

The above tune of a few years will be put to use as the Christmas Depression Chant for many of us. It's the only Oompah I can get out of the Tuba. Take a tip, lovesick. If you ever had a falling out have it now cause these are the times what try one's pocketbook. Just remember this little Christmas pep song:

Jingle morning! Jingle evening!
Jingle all the day!
That's the way your money goes.
Buy gifts, pap and pap and pay.
(To the tune of Jingle Bells.)

Advice to the lovelorn at this particular time: "So find a million dollar baby and you won't need any Santa Claus."

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I have asked for contributions to this column repeatedly, but as the monkey said when he scratched his back, "That's one on me." However, folks, that's neither here nor there, because I know we all feel good over going home for the holidays. You have all been so nice to ask me to visit you Christmas and I would like to go home with all of you, but I'd have to be quadruple quadruple to do that, so I'll go to my home and you go to your home and I know we'll all have a big time. In closing let me wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year, or vice versa if you wish.

Elatedly,
TUBA

P. S.—Toothpaste, like soap, isn't a very appropriate gift, and doesn't sell at Christmas time. Woe is me I have no last name this month.

December 12, 1931,
U. T. Junior College,
Martin, Tennessee.

Dear Santa:

I am a little college boy, 2 years old. I have never asked for much but this year, Santa, I am asking for some unusual gifts. As you know, Santa, the Depression is on. I have, thru no fault of my own, become involved with several little girls. Now listen, Santa, I ask you as man to man, get me out of this picklement.

My girl, Velma, is very extravagant: she wants a new watch. Keep me out of trouble, bring me one like Mr. Fitts Jewelry Company has in the window and I'll deliver it in person.

My suppressed desire, Gene Brandon, won't give me a break, so, Santa, maybe if you'd bring some real nice gift for me to give her I could make a big hit in a big way. She is such a little dear and I want so to add her to my already long list of admirers. I may have others between now and Christmas, but these are the main ones so fill these orders first.

Oh! Santa, if you ever loved me, help me now, cause I'm a misunderstood ladies' man, a "fur" piece from home.

Your little friend,
JOHNNIE KENNON.

P. S.—Don't let a soul see this letter because they would tease me and I'm so bashful.

Imaginary Interviews With U. T. J. C. Celebrities in 1950

There are occasional rewards in being a poorly paid reporter. This was my inescapable impression after my interview with one of America's well known men—that is well known from prominent mention in our leading journals of trade and finance, but less known in those intimate insights that come when a great man grants one the privilege of observing him at his work. I had been told by the editor that Mr. Bascomb Thomas was very modest and had repeatedly refused to be interviewed and here was I, a frail wisp of a girl, sending my card in to the most eminent efficiency expert of America, or of the world for that matter. I could just almost see him take a glimpse at my card

MARY DOOLITTLE
Martin Morning Dispatch

and exclaim: "Another one of those pesky reporters. Throw her out. My time is too valuable to be wasted in answerin silly questions of curious reporters."

You can imagine my surprise when his secretary returned and said, "Mr. Thomas says he will be glad to see you. Walk right in." No wonder I faltered and stammered as I tried to seem composed and calm in the presence of the great Thomas when literally hundreds of reporters had been turned away as they sought to interview this man who was turning the world upside down with his phenomenal efficiency program.

"Mr. Thomas, I er, er," Words seemed to choke me and there I stood, one of the star reporters of Martin's leading morning paper, the essence of inefficiency in the presence of the very personification of efficiency. But "Efficiency Thomas" rose to the occasion nobly, seeming to sense my awe quickly just as he had seen thru thousands of perplexing problems for the giants of American industry and commerce. He extended his right hand as he continued his work with his left. "Miss Doolittle, be seated. You would like to ask me questions concerning my work, I suppose." In his hand clasp there was firmness, in his speech there was decisiveness.

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—Orange and White.
—T—

Again the Tennessee Vols have ended a season of great football. With the close of the season she lost "Wild Bull" McEver, one of the greatest football players to ever play on the Volunteer team. The Vols have a record with only two defeats and four ties in a five-year period.

Library Notes

Display of Free Material.

In anticipation of the meeting of the Weakley County Teachers' Association at the University of Tennessee Junior College, Saturday, December 5, the Library had arranged a display of available free material calculated to be of help to the teachers. For the convenience of the visitors, lists were prepared, with suggestions for handling, to be given to those interested. The material consisted of teaching aids, booklets on history, geography, home economics, biographies, industries of various sorts, transportation and communication, nature study, and many other educational subjects.

A large number of teachers attend

ed the meeting and took great interest in the display.

Origin of Christmas Customs.

From a combination of sources in the Library we learn many interesting facts about the origin of some of our Christmas customs:

Before the coming of Christ, December 25 was held sacred to the sun god, Mithra. Sacrificial fires were burned to appease the angered god, in the hope that he would lengthen the days, which were then at their shortest. This date appealed to the Christians as being appropriate to commemorate the birth of the "Light of the World."

Most of the customs associated with the season have a pagan origin. It is so with the Christmas tree. Martin Luther, however, is said to have instituted this custom in Germany.

Our candles and Christmas carols were borrowed from the Roman Saturnalia, the Christmas banquet from the ancient feasts given in honor of gods and goddesses.

The custom of hanging up stockings at Christmas time comes to us from Italy; that of decorating with holly and mistletoe from Britain; while Santa Claus seems to have had no definite origin, but rather to have been a combination of many different characters.

Exams !!!

Students on the Junior College Campus were not acting natural last week. They were quite serious, their shoulders were stooped, their eyes looked heavy and when walking alone they could be heard mumbling to themselves in a low monotone, over and over again. Practically all students seemed to be affected alike, the general characteristics being as described above, with the added fact reported to us that they were restless in their sleep tossing to and fro on such nationally advertised mattresses as "Sleep More," "Snore Easy," "The Knock Out Kapok," "Flop-Flop-Fleep" for hair-lipped sleepers, and all sorts of sleep producers, inducers, conductors or what not (lest we overlook any), which are guaranteed to knit up the raveled sleeve as per Bill Shakespeare. But still they tossed and mumbled.

Determined to get at the bottom or on top of this as a good reporter always does to get a beat, we concealed ourselves, that is, us or me, behind a student's door for the aforesaid purpose. Pretty soon the student stepped, stoop-shouldered, heavy-eyed, mumbling these strange puzzling words to himself, H₂SO₄, NaCl, MgSO₄, C₂H₂2O₁₁, CO₂, and no S without R, etc. Here he took a rope and began to tie a knot around the chandelier of his room, all the while mumbling to himself that he must get that knot so it would not slip. It began to look like a case of premeditated suicide to our reporting eyes. We began to feel mean as we thought of the evils of eavesdropping and sure that it was only next year's football signals being practiced by this enterprising student. Just as we were about ready to slip out another student walked in repeating the same sort of stuff as he said, "Hi, Sloppy, see you are studying that blakety-blank Chemistry and Psychology, too, eh? Have you learned that non-slip Colebank was showing us?"

Now the secret was out. The cat and kittens being out of the bag, we chased back to our editor and reported to him that the students were

afflicted with a sudden case of examinationitis from which they quickly recovered on December 12th, when the first quarter of the Junior College closed. On Monday, December 14th, the Winter quarter opens and continues for one week and then students will rush away home for two weeks' Christmas vacation before the classes resume on January 4.

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bed in sleep. Eidson slept only 5 hours. Gandhi slept only five hours. Students in my day used to go to sleep in class. Here I got my inspiration for this discovery which I had just completed when your card came in. That was why I was willing to see you when I have repeatedly refused to be interrupted by other reporters while working on this epochal discovery."

My pencil fairly flew along as I took down these words for I realized that it was to be my papers privilege to announce this startling discovery to the world. What a break!

"Three days ago," continued Mr. Thomas, more slowly now as he measuring his words and thinking of

their importance to the world in the saving of time, "I took one of these little pills which does away with the need for sleep. For three days I have worked and have not felt the slightest need of sleep." He proceeded now more slowly and I glanced at my notes as I waited for him to continue. When I had hastily surveyed them I poised my pencil to continue and turned my eyes on this marvelous man of efficiency. His head was bowed on his desk and his breathing was heavy, punctuated by an occasional snore. Mr. Thomas was ASLEEP.

John Kennon—What is the destiny they say "shapes our ends."
Aubrey Kemp—I think I'd feel safe in saying a Three A initiation paddle.

—T—

Mary L.—Do you practice psychology on your boy friend?

Lillie Mae—Goodness no; we aren't even engaged yet.

—T—

Cunningham—I hear Bill Wilson never took a drink.

M. Moore—Yeh, you gotta hand it to him.

—T—

Stranger—Little Boy, how old is your mother?

Jimmie—Aw, she was forty-two, but she's marked down to twenty-seven.

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